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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT GEISEL TO PRESIDENT CARTER
ON INTERNATIONAL STEEL COMMUNITY

1. ON JUNE 1 BRAZILIAN EMBASSY DELIVERED NOTE CONTAINING LETTER DATED MAY 30 FROM PRESIDENT GEISEL TO PRESIDENT CARTER. UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF LETTER FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT: ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S RECENT VISIT TO BRASILIA, WE AGREED, ACCORDING TO YOUR SUGGESTION, THAT WE WOULD CORRESPOND DIRECTLY WHENEVER ANY PROBLEM MIGHT AFFECT THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

IN THIS SPIRIT, I WISH TO BRING TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT I AM RECEIVING FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES,
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INCLUDING THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSAL THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD PUT FORWARD AT THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD) TOWARDS THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL STEEL COMMUNITY.

ALTHOUGH STILL INCOMPLETE, THIS INFORMATION IS A LEGITIMATE

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SOURCE OF CONCERN. THIS IS BECAUSE, ACCORDING TO THIS INFORMATION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WOULD PROPOSE IN A MEETING OF OECD NEXT JUNE AN INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF LIMITING THE SALE OF STEEL EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AS AN EMERGING COUNTRY AS FAR AS PRODUCTION OF STEEL IS CONCERNED, BRAZIL WILL BE DEEPLY AFFECTED BY ANY MEASURE DESIGNED TO LIMIT THE FREEDOM OF TRADE OR INTENDED TO FREEZE THE INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY OF THAT PRODUCT. I AM CONVINCED THAT IN THIS, AS IN ANY OTHER AREA, THE PREVALENCE OF MONOPOLISTIC AND PROTECTIONIST TENDENCIES BY LIMITING THE MORE ECONOMIC UTILIZATION OF THE FACTORS OF PRODUCTION WILL ALSO RESULT IN SERIOUS LOSSES BOTH FOR THE CONSUMER IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.

I WOULD, THEREFORE, BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW THE SPECIFICS OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S POINT OF VIEW ON THIS MATTER IN THE EXPECTATION THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED INFORMATION WILL NOT COME TO BE CONFIRMED. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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